



LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

Inspire Your Imagination, Widen Your World

Lithgow Public Library

45 Winthrop Street, Augusta

December 2024 Newsletter

www.lithgowlibrary.org

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday:

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to Noon

(207)- 626 - 2415

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Library closures:

Tuesday, December 24th:

CLOSING early TBA.

Wednesday, December 25th:

CLOSED for Christmas.

Tuesday, December 31st:

CLOSING at 5 p.m.



Wednesday, January 1st:

CLOSED for New Year's Day.

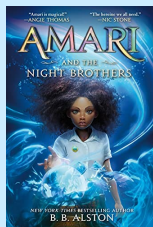
Tween Book Group

Tuesday, December 10th at 6 p.m.

Kids ages 10-12 are invited to join us for a book discussion and hangout each month.

Pizza will be provided!

This month, we're reading *Amari and the Night Brothers* by B. B. Alston. Please read the book in advance of the meeting. Copies of the book are available to check out at the Children's desk.



Registration is required - please register by stopping by the Children's Room or calling us at 207-626-2415.

For questions, email kids@lithgowlibrary.org.

Winter Solstice Story Time

It's the shortest day of the year! Join us as we gather and read stories to welcome back the light. Recommended for children ages 3 - 8 with their caregivers.

Saturday, December 21st at 10 a.m.



Wintery Crafternoon

Monday, December 30th from 3 to 4 p.m.

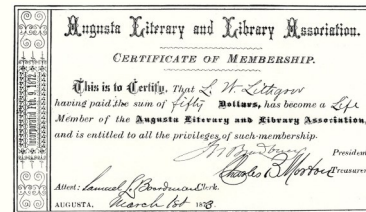


Join us in the Children's Room to work on a wintry craft with Leane. Recommended for children ages 3 and up with their caregivers.

Family Movie Day

Join us in the Community Meeting Room for a screening of *Ice Age* (2002). Popcorn will be provided! Open to families of all ages, but may be best suited to children ages 6+ with their caregivers.

Friday, December 27 at 2 p.m.



Living Walls: The History of Lithgow Library Through Its Art and Architecture

Join Library Director Sarah Schultz-Nielsen for this interactive talk about the history of the library. Tour the facility with her and learn about the art, stained glass, and architectural features that are throughout the historic and expanded buildings.

Monday, December 2nd at 3 p.m.

Winthrop Area Handbell Ringers Holiday Concert



The Winthrop Area Handbell Ringers have been busy preparing music for the holiday season. A variety of sacred carols and popular tunes will please all ages. From "Joy to the World" to "Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer," on shiny bells, is an ethereal treat to hear. You will leave with a smile on your face and a song in your heart.

Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m.

Healthier Together:

Group Support Program

Sponsored by Peter Alfond Prevention and Healthy Living Center

Tuesdays: January 7th, February 4th, and March 4th
5 to 6 p.m.

Starting and maintaining healthy lifestyle change is hard, but you don't have to do it alone. In this free, ongoing health coaching group, gain support and strategies to put your health goals into action. Whether you could benefit from shared accountability, ways to overcome challenges or help navigating next steps, this community is for you. No pre-registration is required, and drop-in participation is welcome at any session. Let's get healthier together!

Peter Alfond
Prevention &
Healthy Living Center
MaineGeneral Medical Center





"The Far-Right in Germany: How Serious a Threat to Stability?"

Presented by Jennifer Yoder

Monday, December 9th at 6 p.m.

The far-right Alternative for Germany party has had a stunning rise: from its origins in 2013 as an anti-euro party of economists and then its "breakthrough" at the national level in 2017 when it won 12.6% in the parliamentary election, it eventually won seats in all 16 of Germany's state legislatures. This September, for the first time, it came in first place in a Germany state election and a close second in two others. What do these electoral breakthroughs mean for German politics and society? Does the far-right party pose a threat to stable governance in Germany? Does its popularity indicate a societal appetite for extremist policies? And how does Germany's far-right compare to similar-seeming parties and movements in other democracies?

Yoder has taught in the Government and Global Studies Departments at Colby College since 1996. She is the author of four books, including the 2024 study, *World War II Memory and Contested Commemorations in Europe and Russia*. Her research examines collective memory, political culture and identity in post-authoritarian societies, nationalist-populist political parties and movements in Europe, and the integration of eastern and western Europe.



"Democracy and Its Alternatives"

Presented by Thomas F. Remington

Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m.

and via Zoom:

<https://lithgowlibrary.libcal.com/event/13099712>

What does democracy mean? This year's Camden Conference is focusing on the worldwide retreat from democracy. Populist strongmen have taken over in many countries, from Latin America to Eastern Europe to Asia, and antidemocratic movements have gained ground even in countries formerly thought to be firmly in the democratic camp—including the United States. In this talk, Remington will break down what we mean when we speak of democracy, what its core principles are and are not, and why it invites challenges from the extreme right and left. Citing illustrations from history and the present day, Remington will discuss the problem of majority rule and minority rights, whether democracy is compatible with capitalism, and how democracy can strive to achieve social justice.

Remington is Visiting Professor of Government at Harvard University and Goodrich C. White Professor (Emeritus) of Political Science at Emory University. He is author of a number of books and articles. Among his books are *The Returns to Power: A Political Theory of Economic Inequality* (Oxford University Press, 2023); *Presidential Decrees in Russia: A Comparative Perspective* (Cambridge University Press, 2014); and *The Politics of Inequality in Russia* (Cambridge University Press, 2011). His research concerns the political sources of economic inequality in the United States, Russia, China and Germany, as well as issues related to education, skill formation, and workforce development. Currently he is writing a book on the role of competition law in the reconstruction of Germany and the European Union after World War II.



For more information about the Camden Conference, visit: <https://www.camdenconference.org/>

Food for Thought

We'll discuss food-themed books, enjoy a snack, and complete a fun, book-related activity. For children 3 to 8 (with a caregiver). To sign up, stop by the Children's Room or call us at 207-626-2415.



Registration is recommended.

Wednesday, December 4th at 6 p.m.

* Food for Thought will take a break in January and come back in February.



Windows 11 Basics

**December 18th, 19th, & 20th
3 – 4 p.m.**

Registration required.
See flyer or website for
more details.

Tween Scene: Holiday Iron Chef

For youth ages 8 to 12

Wednesday, December 18th at 6 p.m.



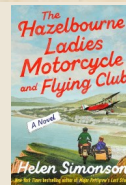
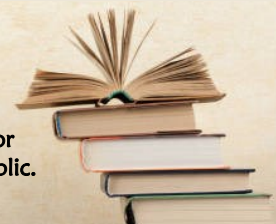
Holiday Iron Chef is returning for its Sixth Annual Competition! Does your team have what it takes to earn the title of Library Iron Chefs? Come and show off your culinary skills, but beware of the secret ingredient!

Registration is required:

Please call: 207-626-2415, or email Kathy at lithgowtweens@gmail.com

Lithgow Book Club

A monthly book discussion group for adults that is free and open to the public. Reserve your copy today!



**The Hazelbourne Ladies
Motorcycle and Flying Club**

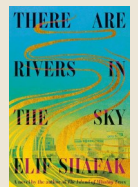
by Helen Simonson

Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m.

There Are Rivers in the Sky

by Elif Shafak

Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m.



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